

CLVT- 188H
Wilson-Taylor House
Island Creek Vicinity
Private

1865-1875

This two story log house has been extensively modified since its construction by ex-slaves in the years soon after "freedom". The house is an important link to the past, both as it was built originally, and as it has been changed over the years,

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Wilson-Taylor House, James Wilson, Jr., House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of of south fork of Ben's Creek Rd., about
a mile and a half from its jct with Williams' Wharf Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Island Creek

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bordman Taylor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ben's Creek

CITY, TOWN

(IslandCreek) St. Leonard

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 46

Folio #: 234

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house has been considerably changed in appearance from the days of its construction soon after the Civil War. As can be seen in the color slide of this house that is a copy of an earlier photograph, the house was originally a two story log dwelling that consisted of only one principal block. To the front of the house (east) was attached a small shed porch, and a smaller shed lean-to, perhaps serving as a storage room, on the northern side. Along the southern side, facing towards the Patuxent River which probably could be seen from this point when the land around it was under cultivation, a shed porch had been built.

The log walls were not sheathed with weatherboards, as were the other log houses in Ben's Creek. Like them however, it had a three bay facade, arranged with bilateral symmetry, and had one room downstairs, and another (perhaps two) upstairs. A tall chimney with a stone rubble base ascended the western side (rear)

One of the more unusual features of the interior was the presence of a trap door, which led down into a cellar. Most of the log houses that have been survived in the region of southern Maryland do not have cellars. Instead, outbuildings were used as storage facilities.

For further descriptions of this house, see those of Historic Sites Surveyor Wayne Neild.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
Black History					

SPECIFIC DATES 1865-1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Parker Family and other

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

members of the local Negro community.

According to local oral informant, Blanche Wilson, this log house was built as the residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson. It was built soon after they had acquired their freedom from slavery. Its primary significance is that its log construction is a continuation of the earlier forms of house building by slaves, but its two story height and large windows, among other features, reveal the improved housing conditions that freedom and landownership brought.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

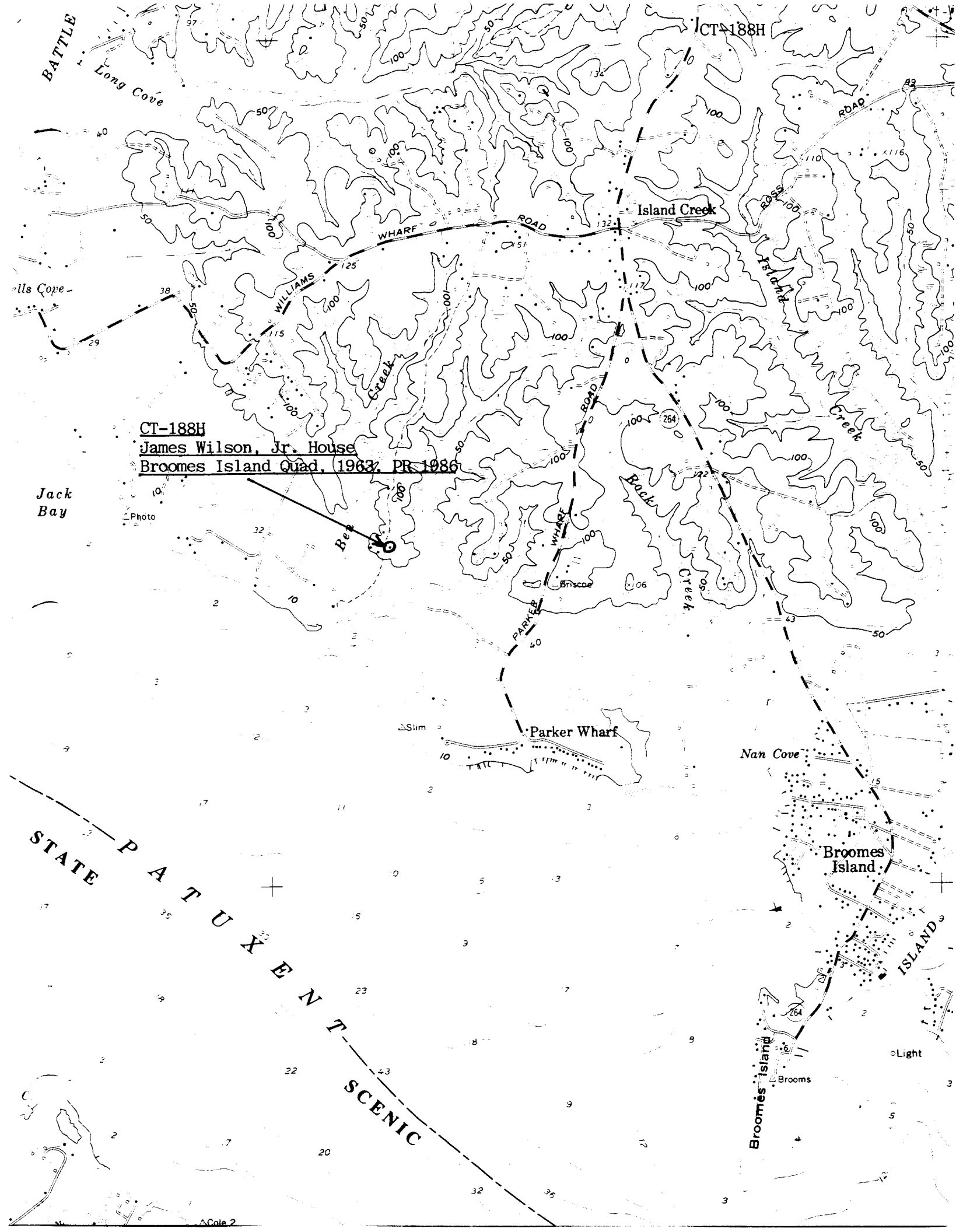
STATE

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James Wilson, Jr. House
Broomes Island Quad, 1963, PR 1986

Jack Bay

Photo

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Parker Wharf

Nan Cove

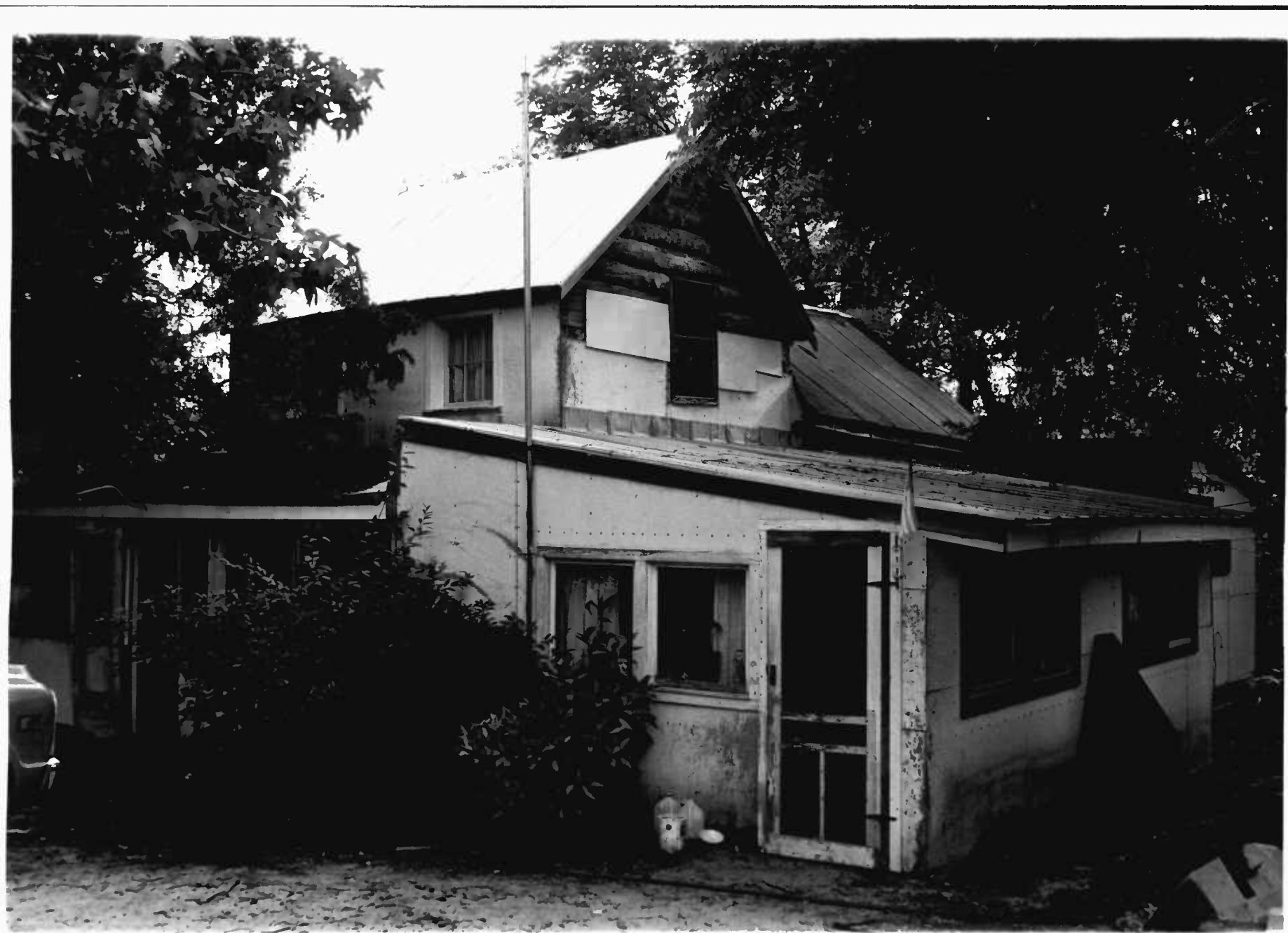
Broomes Island

Broomes Island

Broomes

Light

STATE PATUXENT SCENIC



N. E. View

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S. E. View